



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re PATENT APPLICATION of

In-Sung Kim et al.

Group Art Unit: 2823

Serial No.: 09/640,754

Examiner: Collins, D

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For: SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICE HAVING SELF-ALIGNED CONTACT AND
METHOD OF FABRICATING THE SAME

RESPONSE TO ELECTION/RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

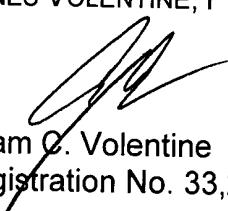
Honorable Commissioner of
Patents and Trademarks,
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Office Action of July 3, 2001, Applicants elect the invention of Group I, Claims 1-15, drawn to a method of fabricating a semiconductor device. The election is without traverse.

Respectfully submitted,

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